

**REMARKS**

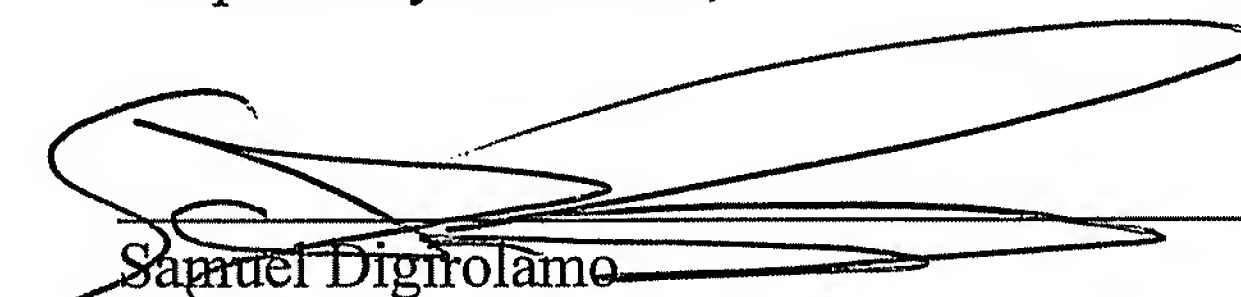
Applicant is filing a U.S. National Stage Application based upon PCT International Application PCT/JP2004/017565 filed November 26, 2004. This application claims priority through Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-017264. An English translation of the International Application is included herewith. Because some of the amended claims have multiple dependency, this Preliminary Amendment amends claims 4-6 to remove the multiple dependencies from these claims. Applicant has also added three paragraphs to the Specification as indicated in the Amendments to the Specification set forth herein on page 2.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner please telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney in this regard.

If any issue regarding the allowability of any of the pending claims in the present application could be readily resolved, or if other action could be taken to further advance this application such as an Examiner's amendment, or if the Examiner should have any questions regarding the present amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner please telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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